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Mr. T ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Is there any idea of opening a school at Salem or in the central districts?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"We have no information as to the necessity."

Mr T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Will the hon. Minister consider the desirability of opening a technical school in a central place in the South?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Provided its necessity is established."

Mr J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire why in the Mangalore Trades School, the ceramic industry is not included in the courses though it is one of the important industries?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I quite appreciate the suggestion. We wanted to undertake the ceramic survey but the proposals were voted down by the Finance Committee."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"Is it a trades school at Bellary?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It is an industrial school."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—"May I know where the distinction is drawn between a trades school and an industrial school?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"An industrial school gives practical and theoretical training, while a trades school gives a theoretical training."

Quantity of yarn and cloth produced in each district.

*1209 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of yarn prepared in each district in each of the years 1921 to 1927;

(b) the quantity of cloth woven in each district on hand looms in each of the years from 1921 to 1927; and

(c) if the above information is not available whether the same will be called for?

A.—(a) & (b) The information is not available.

(c) It is not possible to get the statistics as they are not recorded in any official returns.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether it will entail any extraordinary expenditure to collect statistics?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It is very difficult and will involve a lot of labour."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Does not the hon. Minister think that it will be very useful information."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government intend to start a spinning factory of its own somewhere in the Presidency?"

The hon. Mr. M. R SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"We have no idea at present."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether any investigation is going on in Bezwada and Tuticorin through Government agency?"

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The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know whether the Government's policy is to encourage this sort of industry ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" If so, may I know whether it will not be up to them to make enquiries as to how much yarn is produced in each district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I cannot say ; it is difficult."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know whether the Government have any policy defined for themselves to further this industry ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I cannot say at present."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" Cannot this information be got very easily at least from the districts where survey of cottage industries has been carried on ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I cannot say."

Mr. P Anjaneyulu :—" Do they contemplate formulating any policy in this respect ? "

The hon. Mr M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" It will be considered at the time of passing orders. "

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" In view of the importance of this industry in this Presidency, will the Government find out how much yarn is produced ? "

The hon. Mr. M R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" We shall try, Sir."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire why Government did not call for the figures from the All-India Spinners' Association, or whether they did ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" No."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Does the hon. Minister know the existence of it ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I know it quite well."

Public Works

Conversion of the Ghaut Road between Mettupalayam and Coonoor into a trunk road.

* 1210 Q.—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that due to heavy rains the Ghaut Road between Mettupalayam and Coonoor is impossible for all traffic and that consequently the people are greatly inconvenienced in getting their necessary food-stuffs at the usual prices ;

(b) whether the Government are considering the advisability of maintaining a proper alternate route to the Nilgiris Hills from Mettupalayam ;

(c) if so, whether the Government are considering the advisability of taking over the Kotagiri Ghaut Road from the Nilgiris District Board and maintaining it as a pucca trunk road ;